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SUBJECT: TURKISH MISSION REPORT OF SEVERE ANTI-US PRESSURE

IN ANKARA AND SUGGESTED NATO ACTION TO RELIEVE PRESSURE

REF: A.USNATO 2321

B. STATE 113003

C. USNATO 2783

1. THE TURKISH DEFENSE ADVISOR (TOPUR) , IN A MEETING WITH THE US
DEP DEF ADV (B/B BOWMAN) AND DEPDEF ADV DESIGNATE (B/G SEIGLE) STATED
THAT THE TURKISH MISSION TO NATO AND TURKISH GENERAL STAFF WERE
COMING UNDER INCREASINGLY SEVERE PRESSURE FROM WITHIN THEIR OWN
GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST US AND NATO. TOPUR SAID THAT
THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE HAVE BEEN IN
A CONTINUAL STRUGGLE WITH OPPONENTS IN ANKARA. TURKISH REPS AT
NATO HAVE ARGUED THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION IS DOING AS MUCH AS
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IT CAN, HAVE CITED TO ANKARA US EFFORTS IN ALLIED MEETING ON
AID TO TURKEY, AND HAVE ARGUED THAT TURKISH ACTION AGAINST
THE US WOULD NOT HELP LIFT THE EMBARGO AND WOULD BE HARD
TO REVERSE AT A LATER DATE. ON FIRST DAY OF DPC MINISTERIAL

MEETING, THEY MANAGED TO BLOCK A LONG ATTACK ON THE US WHICH ANKARA HAD PREPARED FOR THEIR DEFENSE MINISTER TO DELIVER. THEY ALSO HAVE SOFTENED MANY INSTRUCTIONS COMING FROM ANKARA IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR ERALP'S STATEMENT OF APRIL 25(REF A). TURKS VIEW LATTER STATEMENT AS VERY IMPORTANT AND HAVE BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED AT LACK OF RESPONSE BY NATO.

2. TOPUR SAID THAT HE KNEW THAT US GOVERNMENT WAS DOING ITS BEST TO CONVINCE CONGRESS TO LIFT EMBARGO, BUT ACTION NOT LIKELY TO COME EARLY ENOUGH. ALSO, GREEK INFLUENCE IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS PREVENTING ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE FROM REST OF NATO. HE PLEADED FOR SOME SORT OF EARLY ACTION BY NATO TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, SUGGESTING NATO COMMUNICATIONS AS THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO MOVE AS REQUESTED IN APRIL 25 ERALP STATEMENT (ERF A). HE POINTED OUT THAT ADDITIONAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS BETWEEN TURKISH FORCES AND THE REST OF NATO COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A THREAT TO THE GREEKS AND WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD RELIEVING ANTI-NATO PRESSURE IN TURKEY.

3. COMMENT: IF US IS SEARCHING FOR CONCRETE WAYS TO REASSURE TURKS, PROVISION OF REQUESTED ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS WOULD SEEM TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH A STEP. IN THIS CONNECTION, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO DETERMINE US SATCOM AND TERRESTRIAL CIRCUITS THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IF US WISHED TO MEET TURKISH REQUEST (REF A). AS REPORTED IN REF C, ONLY ACTION NOW IN PROGRESS AT NATO HQ ON TURKISH PROPOSALS IS DILATORY IMS STUDY ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF AREAS SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS, ON WHICH WORK CAN BE SPEEDED. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.
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